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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A RESOLUTION honoring the Ball State University Singers.

Whereas, For more than four decades, the Ball State University Singers have given voice to the spirit of Indiana through their songs of faith, laughter, and love;

Whereas, The 2004-2005 concert season marks the 41st anniversary of the founding of this critically acclaimed group;

Whereas, The Ball State University Singers began in 1964 with 27 vocalists and instrumentalists under founding director Don Neuen;

Whereas, They have entertained countless Hoosiers at

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community concerts, conventions, banquets, and business meetings in hundreds of Indiana cities and towns;

Whereas, The Ball State University Singers, who were founded to commemorate the elevation of Ball State Teachers College to university status, continue to represent the exuberant spirit and dynamic growth of one of the nation's premier teaching universities;

Whereas, Beginning with their first public appearance in 1965, their performances have received critical acclaim and numerous awards, including being named the Nation's Number One Entertainment Organization by the Bob Hope Collegiate Talent Search in 1977 and again in 1990; and

Whereas, They were influential pioneers in the American show choir movement and have for four decades shared their innovations with the youth of Indiana through school convocations, workshops, festivals, television specials, and educational videotapes: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That in recognition of their critically acclaimed
- 2 performances in every part of Indiana, across the nation, and around the
- 3 world, the Indiana General Assembly has proclaimed the Ball State
- 4 University Singers to be "Indiana's Goodwill Ambassadors", and the
- 5 House of Representatives echoes that proclamation and expresses the
- 6 pure joy felt by its members when listening to the Ball State University
- 7 Singers. These talented young people represent the best of what Indiana
- 8 has to offer. They truly have made the state of Indiana their stage.
- 9 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 10 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the members
- 11 of the Ball State University Singers; director Jeffrey Richard Carter;
- 12 and University President Jo Ann M. Gora.

